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SUBJ: ISRAELI REQUEST TO RESTRICT CONGEN ACTIVITIES ON
WEST BANK

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1. I MET WITH EVRON (MFA) TODAY AND GAVE OUR RESPONSE TO ISRAELI " REQUEST" PER PARA 2, REF (B).
 2. EVRON NOTED THAT HE HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS SUBJECT BRIEFLY ON PHONE IN U.S. WITHIN PAST FEW DAYS WITH ASST. SECRETARY ATHERTON. HE ALSO NOTED THAT, BASED ON SOUNDINGS IN WASHINGTON, ISRAELI EMBASSY HAD SENT BACK SOME PRELIMINARY NEGATIVE SIGNALS RE OUT ATTITUDE. HE WAS, THEREFORE, NOT SURPRISED TO RECEIVE OUR OFFICIAL POSITION.
 3. EVRON SUGGESTED THAT, BASED ON HIS ADMITTEDLY BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH ATHERTON, PERHAPS THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED OF ALL OF THE FACTS OR NUANCES OF THE SITUATION. HE THEN REPEATED THE ESSENCE OF PREVIOUS COMMENTS REPORTED IN REF (A). HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WANTED TO TAKE THE OCCASION TO GO ON RECORD AS STATING EMPHATICALLY THAT THE ISRAELI " REQUEST" WAS MOTIVATED SOLELY BY ISRAELI CONCERNS ON THE MERITS OF THE SITUATION (WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON THE NASTOFF CAPER) AND BY NO MEANS WAS THIS AN ATTEMPT BY HIM OR ANYONE
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ELSE IN THE GOI TO INTRODUCE YET ADDITIONAL FRICTIONS INTO OUR

OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP. EVRON THEN FOCUSED ON THE WORD " RETROGRESSIVE

IN MY PRESENTATION AND INITIATED A DISCUSSION OF THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS WORD TO THE SITUATION.

4. I REPLIED AS FOLLOWS: (A) THE DEPARTMENT IN GENERAL, AND ASST. SECRETARY ATHERTON IN PARTICULAR, WERE FULLY INFORMED ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION. I COULD ASSURE HIM, THEREFORE, THAT THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO GAP IN THE DATA BASE UPON WHICH MY INSTRUCTIONS WERE BASED. (B) WE WERE NOT SUGGESTING THAT ANYONE IN THE GOI WAS DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTING TO INTRODUCE NEW FRICTIONS INTO OUR RELATIONSHIP. THE FACT OF THE MATTER, HOWEVER, WAS THAT THE ISRAELI "REQUEST" THREATENED TO DO JUST THIS. SINCE THIS IS A SITUATION WE BOTH WISHED TO AVOID, IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE GOI JUST QUIETLY DROPPED ITS REQUEST. (C) I CAUTIONED EVRON NOT TO DWELL ON ONE WORD IN MY INSTRUCTION SINCE THIS COULD ONLY DIVERT US FROM THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MATTER BEFORE US.

5. EVRON THEN STATED THAT HE WOULD PASS OUR REPLY TO HIS " SUPERIORS" WHO, HE NOTED, HAD PREVIOUSLY " CONFIRMED" THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS " REQUEST." HE THEN RELATED A NUMBER OF ANECDOTES CONCERNING THE CONSULATE GENERAL, THE THRUST OF WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO REASSURE US THAT THE ISRAEIS HAD NO " GRUDGE" AGAINST THE CONGEN. IN CONCLUSION, HE SUGGESTED THAT HE TELL HIS " SUPERIORS" THAT ON THE BASIS OF OUR CONVERSATION, THE U.S. HAD AGREED TO " TRY IT FOR A WHILE AND SEE HOW IT GOES." IN REPLY, I STATED THAT IT WAS CLEAR FROM MY INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE U.S. DID NOT INTEND TO CHANGE THE CONGEN'S MODE OF OPERATION. THEREFORE, I THOUGHT HE MIGHT SUGGEST TO HIS " SUPERIORS" THAT WE " LEAVE IT AS IT IS" AS THE BEST SOLUTION IN OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS. EVRON EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THIS COULD BE THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED " AT PRESENT"; HE HASTENED TO ADD, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE WHAT HIS " SUPERIORS " WOULD DECIDE. IN ANY EVENT, HE PROMISED TO BE BACK TO ME SOON.

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